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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: APPARATUS FOR ELECTRONICALLY VERIFYING THE
AUTHENTICITY OF CONTENTS WITHIN A CONTAINER
Inventors: Claessens et al.
Our File: 46505/4

Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for Letters Patent in the name of Timo W. Kipp, Frances M. Claessens and John P. Palmer, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETECTING TAMPERING WITH CONTAINERS AND PREVENTING COUNTERFEITING THEREOF, comprising the following:

1. Specification - 14 pages including the Claims (4 independent, 0 dependent) and Abstract of the Disclosure;
2. Drawings - 8 sheets;
3. Unexecuted Declaration (3 pages);
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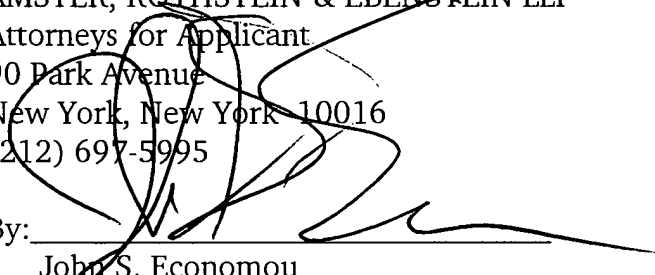
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